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the electronic hardware.

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5. (ONCE AMENDED) A function expanding device according to claim 1, wherein said second connection part is connectable to a port replicator, and connectable to the electronic hardware via the port replicator.

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10. (ONCE AMENDED) A port replicator connectable to a function expanding device which includes a first connection part connectable to a unit which expands a function of electronic hardware, a second connection part connectable to the electronic hardware, and an operation part of the unit, said port replicator comprising:

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a third connection part connectable to the second connection part of the function expanding device; and

a fourth connection part connectable to the electronic hardware.

11. (ONCE AMENDED) A function expanding device comprising:
a first connection part connectable selectively to a plurality of units each of which expands a function of electronic hardware;
a second connection part connectable to the electronic hardware; and
a third connection part connectable to the electronic hardware, said third connection part being used to connect at least one of said plurality of units to the electronic hardware, and said second connection part being used to connect the rest of said plurality of units to the electronic hardware.

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-14 were previously pending.

Claim 14 is canceled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 5, 10 and 11 are amended.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1-13 are pending for consideration